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# COMMITTEE REPORT

## SENATE

FURTHER: Finance

2/5/80

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. President:

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL  
AFFAIRS

The Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ has had SB 389

senior citizen property tax exemption

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass  do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for \_\_\_\_\_  same title  
 new title
- and recommends \_\_\_\_\_
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent"  New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bob Mulcahy  
Tom Kelly  
John P. ...  
Ray ...  
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William St. ...  
CHAIRMAN

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This bill is  
Almost identical  
to HCR 45

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ORIGINAL.

Rec'd 4-3-80

Original sponsors: Bradley, Kerttule,  
Hachney, et al

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND  
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 389

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the senior citizen property tax  
7 exemption; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. AS 29.53.020(a)(C) is amended to read:

10 (C) the real property of certain residents of the state to the  
11 extent and subject to the conditions of AS 29.53.022 [PROVIDED IN (c) OF  
12 THIS SECTION].

13 \* Sec. 2. AS 29.53 is amended by adding a new section to read:

14 Sec. 29.53.022. SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION. (a) The  
15 real property of a resident 65 years of age or older is exempt from  
16 taxation under this chapter. The real property exempt from taxation  
17 under this section includes

18 (1) the entire parcel of real property owned and occupied by  
19 the resident as a permanent place of residence; and

20 (2) a parcel of real property owned by the resident which is  
21 adjacent to the parcel of real property owned and occupied by the resi-  
22 dent as a permanent place of residence if the adjacent parcel qualifies  
23 for the exemption, as determined by the Department of Community and  
24 Regional Affairs by regulation.

25 (b) Only one exemption may be granted for a parcel of real prop-  
26 erty under this section. If two or more residents are eligible for the  
27 exemption for that parcel, the parties shall decide between or among  
28 themselves which of them shall receive the exemption.

29 (c) A parcel of real property may not be exempted from taxation

1 under this section if the assessor determines, after notice and hearing  
2 to the parties concerned, that title to the parcel has been conveyed to  
3 a resident who is an applicant for the exemption primarily for the  
4 purpose of obtaining the tax exemption. The decision of the assessor  
5 under this subsection may be appealed by the applicant under AS 44.-  
6 62.560 - 44.62.570.

7 (d) A tax exemption may not be granted unless a resident submits  
8 an application for an exemption. The application for exemption shall be  
9 made on a form prescribed by the state assessor for use by assessors of  
10 boroughs and cities which levy and collect real property taxes. A  
11 resident shall file his application by January 15 of the year for which  
12 a tax exemption is requested, but the city council or borough assembly,  
13 for good cause demonstrated by the resident, may waive the resident's  
14 failure to file an application by the time it is due and direct the  
15 assessor to accept the application as timely filed.

16 (e) An applicant for a tax exemption under this section shall file  
17 a separate application for each year in which the tax exemption is  
18 requested.

19 (f) If a tax exemption application is filed by January 15 and is  
20 approved by the assessor, he shall allow a tax exemption in accordance  
21 with the provisions of this section. If a resident whose failure to  
22 file by January 15 has been waived as provided in (d) of this section  
23 and the application for tax exemption is approved by the council or  
24 assembly, the amount of tax which the resident may have already paid for  
25 the assessment year with respect to the real property exempted shall be  
26 refunded to him.

27 (g) The assessor may at any time require proof in the form he  
28 considers necessary of the right and status of an exemption claimed  
29 under this section.

1 (k.) The state shall reimburse a borough or city, as appropriate,  
2 for the real property tax revenues lost to it by the operation of this  
3 section. However, reimbursement will be made to a borough or city for  
4 revenue lost to it only to the extent that the loss exceeds an exemption  
5 which was granted by the borough or city, or which upon proper appli-  
6 cation by an individual would have been granted by the borough or city,  
7 under AS 29.53.025(a).

8 (l.) Except as provided in (h) of this section, nothing in this  
9 section affects similar exemptions from property taxes granted by  
10 municipalities on September 10, 1972, or prevents municipalities from  
11 granting similar exemptions by ordinance as provided in AS 29.53.025.

12 (j) In this section, "real property" includes, but is not limited  
13 to, mobile homes whether classified as real or personal property for  
14 municipal tax purposes.

15 \* Sec. 3. AS 29.53.020(c) - (i) are repealed.

16 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 1981.

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# Committee Log Book - 1980

Tape Number XX11

SENATE C/RA

Side Number 1

Committee

Dates 4/3/80 to --

Present: Senators Kelly, Mulcahy, Rodey, Stimson & Chairman Sturgulewski

## Bill Numbers Discussed

SB 389	SB 451	SB 452	SB 510						
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Date & Time	Tape Meter Number	Bill	Significant Information (Witness, Action)
4/3/80 1:30	005	SB 389	Chairman Sturgulewski opened meeting
			and brought "CS" before Committee for consideration
	063		Steve Van Sante, Dept. C/RA/ intent of <u>parcel</u> , one or more parcels
			<del>Agreed to assist in wording for letter of Intent</del>
	114		Rodey / moved to pass "CS" do pass w/ rec. Bill passed unanimously
	148	SB 451 &	Chairman Sturgulewski brought out "CS"
	200	452	Ruth Allington, Staff to Sen. Fahrenkamp
	225		Sen. Kelly
			Sen. Rodey moved "do pass" with ind. recommendations
	263	SB 510	Chairman Sturgulewski brought out "CS"
	321		Mitch Gravo/ Anchorage Municipality
	333		Sen. Kelly -tax on books & freezing mill rate
	388		Terry Earley, Dept. C/RA
	414		Sen. Rodey moved to pass out with ind. recomm.
			No Objections
	422		Sen. Sturgulewski packet of letters on whole tax related concerns - real property sent out....
	458		MEETING ADJOURNED

# Committee Log Book - 1980

SENATE C/RA

Tape Number XXI

Cassette 1 & 2

Side Number 1 & 2

Members present: Chairman Sturgulewski, Kelly, Mulcahy, Stimson  
 " absent: Senator Rodey

Dates 4/1/80 to --

## Bill Numbers Discussed

SB 451	SB 452	SB 370	SB 389	SB 510					
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Date & Time	Tape Meter Number	Bill	Significant Information (Witness, Action)
4/1/80 1:30 p.	008	SB 451 & 452	Chairman Sturgulewski - gave summary on amendments
	177		Senator Fahrenkamp, sponsor, gave background
	313		Sen. Kelly re SB 451- <i>Why not straight Appropriation?</i>
	393	SB 370	Gary Crouse, Dept. of Public Safety, Fire Prot. Offi. <i>Sen. Kelly Moved to Pass with individual recommendation. Bill passed out of Committee (Sen. Stimson &amp; Sturgulewski)</i>
	520	SB 389	Jack Chenoweth, Legal Office / Sen. Sturgulewski
	619		Terry Earley, Dept. C/RA/ Tax Assessor
	713		J. Chenoweth, Amendment <i>- New amendment giving C/RA ability to determine adjacent parcels.</i>
	000		Frank Lee. Sen. Bradley's AA, re parcel/tract
	102		Gary Jenkins, Private Citizen
	206		Carl Haggerup, Private Citizen/ Sen. Sturgulewski
	356	SB 510	Chairman Sturgulewski/ Bill Summary
	391		Jack Chenoweth, Legal Office
	604		Dept. C/RA
	671		Gary Jenkins, Dept. of Revenue
	691		Mitch Gravo, Anchorage Municipality
	833		<i>Pre conditional exemption based on reimbursement</i> Ginny Chitwood, AML, funding- municipality reim.

Side 2

Cassette 2

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Senator Sturgulewski  
 Senator Kelly  
 Jack Chenoweth, Legal Office  
 eg failure to fund  
 over

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Senator Kelly, retroactive

3:15 p.m. - meeting adjourned



# Committee Log Book - 1980

Tape Number XX

SENATE C/RA

Side Number 1

Committee

Dates 3/27/80 to \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT: Senators Kelly, Mulcahy, Stinson, Rodey and  
Chairman Sturgulewski

## Bill Numbers Discussed

SB 389	SB 408	HJR 62							
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Date & Time	Tape Meter Number	Bill	Significant Information (Witness, Action)
3/27/80 389	005	SB 389	Chairman Sturgulewski overview (received testimony but did not put bill up for action as CS not yet received.
	084		Mary Ross
	221		Vivian Lovelace
	269		Carl Hagerup
	435	HJR 62	Sen. Kelly
	450		Bob Speed, AA to Rep. Gardiner
	483		Sen. Sturgulewski
			Bill was passed out with no objections
	540	CSSB 408	Sen. Sturgulewski
	618		Sen. Mulcahy Moved "CS" do pass w/rec. Sen. Sturgulewski "Do Pass" // no objections
	668		MEETING ADJOURNED



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

JOINT SENATE AND HOUSE  
COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY

Co-Chairmen  
Senator Arliss Sturgulewski  
Representative Bill Parker


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LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

March 31, 1980

TO: Senator Bob Mulcahy  
Vice-Chairman  
Senator Tim Kelly  
Senator Pat Rodey  
Senator Mike Colletta  
Senator Don Bennett

Senator Brad Bradley  
Senator Jalmar Kerttula  
Senator Glenn Hackney  
Senator Ed Dankworth  
Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp  
Senator Frank Ferguson

FROM: Arliss Sturgulewski   
Chairman

SUBJECT: Committee Meetings, Capitol Building, Butrovich Room

Tuesday, April 1, 1980 - 1:30 p.m.

- SB 370 - An Act relating to fire prevention
- SB 389 - An Act relating to the senior citizens tax exemption
- SB 510 - An Act exempting business inventory from municipal property tax levy, and providing for reimbursement to municipalities of tax revenues lost by operation of the exemption; and providing for an effective date
- SB 451 - An Act establishing a grant fund to be used for construction of community sports and recreation facilities, and providing for management of the facilities by local sports and recreation facility councils
- SB 452 - An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for grants for planning and construction of community sports and recreation facilities; and providing for an effective date.
- SB 351 - An Act relating to state aid to local governments; and providing for an effective date

# Committee Log Book - 1980

Tape Number XI

Senate CRA  
Committee

Side Number 182

PRESENT: Chairman A. Sturgulewski; Sen. Kelly, Stinson, Mulcahy Dates 2/26/80 to -

ABSENT: Sen. Rodey

Bill Numbers Discussed

SB 299	SB 427	SB 465	SB 389	SB 456	SB 431	SB 138	SB 154
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Side ①

Date & Time	Tape Meter Number	Bill	Significant Information (Witness, Action)
2-26-80 1:40P.	005		Mtg. Opening - Summary
	075	SB 299	Sen. Kerttula - "
	252		Sen. Kelly - Bill Intent
	275		Sen. Kerttula
	315	SB 427	Sen. Ferguson - Summary
	428	SB 389	Mayor Don Hillman (Soldonia)
		SB 427 SB 456	SB 465
	522		Sen. Sturgulewski - "
		SB 427	Mayor Hillman
	559	SB 456	" "
	575	SB 465	" " (02.08 - should be 29.53.025)
	598	SB 299	" " - Mill levies / mill rates
	636		Sen. Kelly
	673	SB 389	Rose Palquist Incorp. Language SS HC R4
	791	SB 456	" "
	793	SB 465	" "
	803	SB 465	Sen. Stinson
	840	SB 299	"

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Side (2)

000		Rose Palmquist (Continues)
028		Sen. Stinson
082	SB 389	Pat Porter - Soldotna (SS SB 45 - line 16)
138		Ruby Coil
241	SB 465	" "
260	SB 389	Sen. Sturquowski
393	"	ROSE Palmquist
424	"	
454	SB 431	Larry Kadell
490		Sen. Sturquowski
519	SB 138	Frank Lee (For Sen. Bradley)
539	SB 154	
	SB 389	
<del>617</del> 680	SB 427	Vivian Lovelass
659	SB 389	" "
686		Sen. Sturquowski - Gen. Comments
711		Sen. Kelly - Gen. Comments on Revenue Sharing & Prop. tax relief
738		Sen. Rodey

Sen. Rodey  
Arrived: 5 M.  
07 H. H. Adjourning

# TELECONFERENCE HEARINGS



SUBJECT: PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION BILLS

COMMITTEE: SENATE COMM. & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 1980

TIME: 1:30PM

SITES PARTICIPATING: ANH, FBX, SOLD, KET, SITKA, JNU

CONFERENCE MODE: AUDIO

LOCATION: Room 301, S.O.B.

MODERATOR: Sandy Wendte

NOTES:

CONFIRMATION OF CONFERENCE  
CENTER: Yes

PUBLICITY:

Invitational -

	Date	Quantity
PSAs	<u>2/22</u>	<u>3</u>
News releases (local)	<u>1/22</u>	<u>1</u>
News releases (outlying media)	<u>Ktn Daily News K+KN KBB</u>	<u></u>
Direct mail	<u></u>	<u></u>
Phone contacts	<u></u>	<u></u>
Other:		

NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE 0  
NUMBER TESTIFYING 0



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate Committee on Community & Regional Affairs

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Juneau, Alaska 99811

February 20, 1980

TO: Senator Bob Mulcahy  
Vice-Chairman  
Senator Tim Kelly  
Senator Pat Rodey  
Senator Terry Stimson  
Senator Brad Bradley  
Senator Ferguson  
Senator Hohman  
Senator Kerttula  
Senator Sumner  
All interested parties

FROM: Senator Arliss Sturgulewski  
Chairman

SUBJECT: SENATE C/RA MEETING - BUTROVICH RM. #207

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1980 - 1:30 p.m. (teleconference)

- SB 138 - An Act exempting from assessment and tax levy the value of improvements to real property used for residential purposes; and providing for an effective date.
- SB 431 - An Act exempting from assessment and tax levy the value of improvements to real property that reduce energy consumption; and providing for an effective date.
- SB 296 - An Act providing a partial exemption from assessment for levy and collection of property taxes on residential property; and providing for an effective date.
- SB 299 - An Act reducing the maximum rate of levy for property taxes by municipalities; and providing for an effective date.
- SB 427 - An Act relating to the senior citizens tax exemption.
- SB 389 - An Act relating to the senior citizen property tax exemption; and providing for an effective date.
- SB 456 - An Act exempting personal property owned by senior citizens from municipal property taxes; and providing for an effective date.

- SB 465 - An Act providing a partial exemption from assessment for levy and collection of property taxes on residential property; and providing for an effective date.
- SB 360 - An Act providing for exemption of the residence of a disabled veteran from levy and collection of real property taxes and authorizing reimbursement to municipalities for revenues lost by operation of the exemption; and providing for an effective date.
- SB 154 - An Act providing an exemption from payment of real property taxes for disabled veterans; and providing for an effective date.

STATE OF ALASKA  
THE LEGISLATURE

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JUNEAU ALASKA 99811  
907 465 3800

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

April 2, 1980

SUBJECT: CSSB 389, senior citizens property tax exemption.

TO: Senator Arliss Sturgulewski, Chairman  
Senate Community and Regional Affairs  
Committee

FROM: John B. Chenoweth  
Legislative Counsel

For the record, I have left the term "adjacent" in the committee substitute, and assume that, if this committee substitute is enacted, the administering agency will rely on the definition of "adjacent" as one which exempts a parcel which is close to, but does not necessarily adjoin or is not contiguous to, the parcel on which is located the applicant's principal place of residence. In light of the committee's recommendation, the parcel "across the road" or the parcel created by subdivision of an existing parcel by a new road should qualify for the exemption under any test which the department may establish. I am less confident that a parcel that is "across the road" but separated from the main parcel by intervening acreage would meet the definition of "adjacent".

I have included reference to regulations of the department. While the department should be able to describe general categories in which the exemption is allowed and those in which it is denied and adopt these into the administrative code, the reference is broad enough for the department to adopt an approach which constitutes no more than a case-by-case determination if they think that approach to be more practical.

For the benefit of the committee, the provisions which were included in the original senior citizens exemption program for protection of the state and the applicant, and which are carried forward in this version in subsections (c) and (g), apply not only with respect to the "residence" parcel, but also with respect to "adjacent" parcel.

Senator Arliss Sturgulowski

Page 2

April 2, 1980

I had no instruction to amend the effective date clause. The changes wrought by the committee substitute take effect with the next assessment year. While some senior citizens would have to pay an incremental amount in the current assessment year (1980), those persons are not paying more tax than what they would under the law as it currently reads. With the effective date delayed, the department has six to eight months to redraft its regulations, conduct public hearings, and establish the necessary changes in order to prepare for the substantive effects of this bill.

JBC:ljb

Enclosure

Introduced: 2/5/80  
Referred: Community & Regional  
Affairs and Finance

BY BRADLEY, KERTTULA, HACKNEY,  
COLLETTA, DANKWORTH, RODEY,  
FAHRENKAMP AND BENNETT

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 389

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the senior citizen property tax  
7 exemption; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. AS 29.53.020(e) is amended to read:

10 (e) The real property owned and occupied as a permanent place of  
11 abode by a resident 65 years of age or over is exempt from taxation of  
12 the assessed value of the real property. An exemption under this sub-  
13 section is limited to the assessed value of a parcel or tract of property  
14 of 160 acres or less. Only one exemption may be granted with respect to  
15 the same property and, if two or more persons are eligible for an exemp-  
16 tion with respect to the same property, the parties shall decide between  
17 or among themselves which shall receive the benefit of the exemption.  
18 No real property may be exempted under this subsection which the assessor  
19 determines, after notice and hearing to the parties concerned, has been  
20 conveyed to the applicant primarily for the purpose of obtaining the  
21 exemption. The determination of the assessor is appealable under AS  
22 44.62.560 - 44.62.570.

23 \* Sec. 2. AS 29.53.020(i) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

24 (i) In (e) - (i) of this section

25 (1) "real property" includes but is not limited to mobile  
26 homes, whether classified as real or personal property for municipal tax  
27 purposes;

28 (2) "resident" means a person who has claimed Alaska as his  
29 place of residence for at least 25 consecutive years preceding applica-

1 tion for the exemption provided in (e) and (f) of this section; a break  
2 in residency of more than 30 days in a calendar year operates to defeat  
3 the applicant's claim of residency for that year.

4 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 1981.

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# Alaska State Legislature

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March 25, 1980

## SENATE BILL 389

Delete lines 12-14 -- all underlined wording and add attached insert.

Delete (2) of Sec. 2 (lines 28 and 29 on page 1; and lines 1-3 of page 2.

Please leave Sec. 3 - line 4, page 2 as is.

(c) --- AN EXEMPTION UNDER THIS  
SUB SECTION IS LIMITED TO THE ASSESSED  
VALUE ~~HERE~~ OF A DWELLING AND  
THE LAND UPON WHICH IT IS SITUATED  
INCLUDING ALL CONTIGUOUS OR ADJOINING  
LAND. PROVIDING THAT LAND IS NOT USED  
FOR OTHER THAN RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES,  
A DIVISION OF A PARCEL BY A PUBLIC  
RIGHT-OF-WAY DOES NOT RENDER IT  
NON-CONTIGUOUS.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CS SB 389  
 Title Relating to Senior Citizens Tax Exemption  
 Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Community & Regional Affairs  
 Program Category Affected Social Services  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Senior Citizen Tax Relief  
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)  
EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	67.0	75.0	84.0	94.0	105.0	118.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>118.5</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	68.5	75.5	84.5	94.5	105.5	118.5
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						


POSITIONS

FULL TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

This updated fiscal note is needed to initiate changes which the Department anticipates will occur in the Committee Substitute. It appears that individual permanent files must be set up for approximately 4000 senior citizen applicants which will necessitate the purchase of a filing cabinet.

The \$500 under contractual services is the estimated increase in the use of the Departments Zenith line for use by senior citizens.

IV. DATE 4-2-80 PREPARED BY Steve Van Sant   
 AGENCY Community & Regional Affairs  
 Original: Legislative Finance PHONE 465-4787  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SB 389

Title Relating to Senior Citizen Tax Exemption

Requested by Bradley

Date \_\_\_\_\_

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Community & Regional Affairs

Program Category Affected Social Services

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Senior Citizen Tax Relief

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		67.0	75.0	84.0	94.0	105.0
TOTAL		67.0	75.0	84.0	94.0	105.0

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84
GENERAL FUND		67.0	75.0	84.0	94.0	105.0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84
FULL TIME		0	0	0	0	0
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

No fiscal impact for administration of this program. Grant increase is based on information received from local municipalities. Yearly increase is estimated at 12% per year. This assumption is based on historic information on valuation increases.

IV. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PREPARED BY Steve Van Sant 

AGENCY Local Government Assistance Division

PHONE 465-4787

Original: Legislative Finance

cc: Budget and Management

Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

Feb. 28, 1980

Community & Regional Affairs  
Committee  
Alk. State Legislature  
Pavuk V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Attn: Alliss Stengulewski  
Committee Chairman

After reading Senate Bill No. 389, the last portion that reads: "a break in residency of more than 30 days in a calendar year operates to defeat the applicant's claim of residency for that year." is very upsetting to me.

In a few years I will be 65 and it is about that time I plan a trip to see my niece on the east coast, going via Canada in my motor home. I can hardly make it there and back in that time, without any time for visiting. If, under SB 389, I stay outside more than 30 days when I return, I'd have to pay nearly \$800 in taxes, thus penalizing me for taking a vacation when I am retired & have the time.

This is all wrong in my opinion  
and something should be done to  
spell out residency as keeping a  
valid home in Alaska whether  
we leave the State for 30 days or 60.

I am much opposed to this 30-day  
time limit, although some type of  
limit should be listed to do away  
with those who spend 6 mos. of every  
year in the balmy south.

Sincerely,

Loraine M. Gregory  
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File  
SB 389

Senator Julius Sturgis  
State Senate  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Senator Sturgis;

Please let me call your attention to proposed legislation of great interest to senior citizens now and to future tax payers both now and in the future. My understanding is that both bills are now in Committees of Regional and Community Affairs and the Finance Committee, in the Senate. I would strongly urge that those in the Senate support Both S.B. 389 and SB. 427, and those in the House support the bill Rep. Mike Miller is working on, which covers the same material as S.B. 427, and is now in committee.

I. Senate Bill 427 which relates to senior citizens tax exemption. The original act should be amended to read, as follows: "The real property exempt from taxation under this subsection (Sec. 1. AS 29.53.020 e) continues to be exempt if owned and occupied as a permanent place of abode by the surviving spouse of the resident, if the surviving spouse is 55 years or older and has a gross <sup>annual</sup> income of less than \$20,000." This needed change might enable more of surviving spouses, who are usually women, and whose incomes are reduced already by death of spouse, to remain in their homes.

II. Senate Bill 389 which relates to Senior citizens tax exemption also. This bill would exempt from taxation all real property owned by the senior citizen which is contiguous to his or her place of abode. Many seniors, including myself, have been forced, due to high real property taxes, to subdivide <sup>or her</sup> his few acres and keep selling lots, in order to pay taxes and try to keep up with inflation. Since I come from people who usually live to be 100 years or more, I could easily, under present set-up, outlive my income and become a pauper and a burden to the state. How much better, not only for seniors, but for all present and future taxpayers, if all of a senior's property which is contiguous with his or her place of abode, becomes tax exempt. This would enable me to remain in their own homes, and would decrease the need for state to build more senior housing units and pioneer-type homes.

Another section of S.B. 389 refers to a residency requirement which should be more explicitly spelled out. I am not sure if this following suggestion has been incorporated into the bill, or has only been proposed. But it should read: "A person does not break his residency requirement if he or she leaves his or her home and goes to any other place for a temporary period, and with intent of returning to his or her home." Many seniors save for several years in order to take a trip outside, and they should not have a limit on time away from Alaska to 30 days, which is not enough time to visit widely separated relatives, etc. *This change relates to a proposed change in eligibility for homestead.*

I urge these bills with above amendments be passed in Senate, and that in the House Rep. Mike Miller's bills regarding the above matters be passed.

Thank you,  
Sincerely yours,  
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PS Please see that my thoughts are conveyed to the appropriate Committees.

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